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DISPATCHES, of which the following are Copies and Extracts, have been received from General Walmoden and Lieutenant-General Harcourt, by His Royal Highneſs the Duke of York, and tranſmitted by his Royal Highneſs to the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, One of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Head-Quarters, Arnheim, January 1, 1795.

SIR,

I Have the Honour to lay before your Royal Highneſs the Report of the Succeſs of the Attack made on the Enemy on the 30th Ult. by Major-General David Dundas.

The Corps deſtined for this Expedition conſiſted of Ten Battalions of Britiſh Infantry, under Major-General Lord Cathcart, Major-General Gordon, and Lieutenant-Colonel M'Kenzie; Six Squadrons of Light Cavalry, and One Hundred and Fifty Huſſars, under Major-General Sir Robert Lawrie; of the Loyal Emigrés; and of Four Battalions and Four Squadrons of Heſſians, under Major-General de Wurmb.

It was divided into Three Columns. The Left Column to attack by the Dyke, the Center to attack in ſuch a Manner as to keep the Church of Wardenburg upon it's Left Wing, and the Right Column, conſiſting of Four Britiſh Battalions and the Rohan Huſſars, to keep their Left Wing *appuyé* to the Vliet, to turn Tuyl, and to attack it in the Rear.

Major-General Lord Cathcart found the Road by which his Column was to march ſo impracticable, that, being obliged to make a great *Detour*, he could not come up in Time; and Major-General Dundas finding, at his Arrival near Wardenburg, that the Enemy had abandoned it during the Night, he thought it adviſeable to puſh on with the other Two Columns, and to begin the Attack immediately upon Tuyl.

This was executed with ſuch Gallantry and Spirit by the Troops that, notwithſtanding the natural Strength of this Poſt, the Abbatis of Fruit-Trees Batteries of the Town of Bom- that were made, the and the conſide- mel which flanked the Approach, rable Number of Men who defended it, it was ſoon carried, and the Enemy driven acroſs the River (every where paſſable on the Ice) with conſiderable Loſs of Men and of Four Pieces of Cannon.

General Dundas ſpeaks in the higheſt Terms of Commendation of the ſpirited Conduct both of the Officers and Men during the Execution of the ſeveral Duties which fell to their Lot, as likewiſe the Patience and Perſeverance they ſhewed by undergoing immenſe Fatigues and Hardſhips, increaſed by the Cold and the Severity of the Seaſon.

I annex the Return of our Loſs, which is not very great conſidering the Circumſtances.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

WALMODEN, Gen.

Return of Killed, Wounded and Miſſing of the Britiſh Troops under the Command of Major-General David Dundas, at the Attack at Tuyl, the 30th of December, 1794.

19th Regiment of Foot. 1 Rank and File killed; 4 ditto wounded.

33d Regiment of Foot. 2 Rank and File killed.

42d Regiment of Foot. 1 Drummer, 6 Rank and File, wounded.

78th Regiment of Foot. 1 Field Officer, 1 Rank and File, killed; 1 Officer, 4 Rank and File, wounded.

80th Regiment of Foot. 1 Rank and File killed; 3 ditto wounded; 1 Serjeant miſſing.

Loyal Emigrants. 1 Rank and File wounded.

Total: 1 Field Officer, 5 Rank and File, killed; 1 Officer, 1 Drummer, 18 Rank and File, wounded; 1 Serjeant miſſing.

78th Regiment. Brevet-Major Murray, killed.
Lieutenant Lidſay, wounded.

Geo. Don, Dep. Adj. Gen.

Heſſians killed, wounded and miſſing.

25 Rank and File.

Captain Guldains, wounded.

Lieutenant Kamp, miſſing.

G. De Low, Major and F. Adj.

Head Quarters, Arnheim, January 1, 1795.

SIR,

IT is with great Satisfaction that I have the Honor to inform your Royal Highneſs that, in conſequence of our Deciſion, which I mentioned in

in my laſt Letter of the 29th Ult. General David Dundas, on the 30th, attacked the Enemy at Day-break, who had croſſed the Waal, and ſucceeded in driving them back acroſs that River, with the Loſs of Four Pieces of Cannon and ſome Men.

As I incloſe a Copy of his Report, it is needleſs for me to enter into any Particulars; but I cannot help expreſſing to your Royal Highneſs how great a Praiſe is due to Major-General David Dundas, and to all the Officers and Men, for their Conduct on this Occaſion, which was as exemplary in the Fortitude and Perſeverance with which they ſupported every Fatigue and Hardſhip attending the Seaſon, as it was ſpirited in the Action.

I am happy to obſerve that, all Circumſtances conſidered, the Loſs of the Britiſh, of which I have the Honor to incloſe a Return, is inconſiderable. We have, however, to lament the Death of Major Murray, of the 78th Regiment.

I have the Honor to be, with the greateſt Reſpect, &c.

(Signed) WM. HARCOURT.

His Royal Highneſs the Duke of York.

Copy of a Report from Major-General David Dundas to his Excellency General Count Walmoden, dated Tuyl, December 31, 1794.

AGREEABLE to Orders I received on the 27th, about Ten in the Morning I communicated with General Wurmb, and all the Troops were put in Motion immediately, viz. Four Battalions and Four Squadrons of Heſſians, under General Wurmb; Ten Britiſh Battalions, La Chatre's Emigrés, Six Squadrons Britiſh Light Cavalry, and One Hundred and Fifty Huſſars of Rohan, divided in Brigades, under Major-General Sir Robert Lawrie, Major-General Lord Cathcart, Major-General Gordon, and Lieutenant-Colonel Mac Kenzie.

At Geldermalſen Lord Cathcart, with Four Battalions and Rohan's Huſſars, ſtruck off from the Britiſh Column to march upon Rumpt and Haaſden, ſo as to get behind Tuyl. The Reſt of the Britiſh Column proceeded by Metteren; and exactly at Day-light meeting the Heſſian Column near Waardenbourg, attacked the Enemy in their Poſt of Tuyl, with ſuch Reſolution and Gallantry of the Troops, that it was very ſoon carried, notwithſtanding it's natural Strength, the Abbatis that were made, the Batteries of the Town of Bommel, which flanked the Approach, and the conſiderable Number of Men who defended it, who were driven acroſs the River (every where paſſable on the Ice) with Loſs of Men and Cannon.

I incloſe a Return of the Killed and Wounded of the Britiſh.

Extract of a Letter from General Walmoden to His Royal Highneſs the Duke of York, dated Ameron-gen, January 6, 1795.

ON the 3d Inſtant I removed my Head Quarters to this Place. By this Diſpoſition, which I had previouſly announced to your Royal Highneſs, I am nearer the Scene of our preſent Operations.

The Severity of the Weather has increaſed; and the intenſe Cold of the 3d and 4th induced the Enemy, on the latter Day, to paſs the Waal near Bommel. Having driven in our advanced Poſts, they again took Poſſeſſion of Tuyl. General David Dundas, however, thought he ſhould be able to defend Metteren, and to check the further Progreſs of the Enemy; but the advanced Poſts of the Heſſians, neareſt to General Dundas's Poſition, having alſo been obliged to fall back, I agreed with the other Generals to ſend Orders to Generals Dalwick and Dundas to unite their Forces immediately, and, at Day-break of the 5th, to make a vigorous Attack on the Enemy, and to ſpare no Efforts to drive them acroſs the Waal. General Dundas probably found the Enemy in too great Force to venture the Attack; but about Ten o'Clock he was himſelf attacked at Geldermalſen by a large Body of the Enemy's Cavalry, ſupported by their Tirailleurs. Their Charge was ſo impetuous, both on our Cavalry and Infantry, that at firſt they had the Advantage, and took Two Pieces of Cannon; but the Reſerve coming up, the Guns were retaken, the Enemy repulſed, and the Poſt preſerved.

The Violence of the Froſt having converted the whole Country into a Kind of Plain, which gives the greateſt Facility to the Enemy in their Movements, General Dundas thought it neceſſary to fall back, during the Night, upon Bueren, where General Dalwick was ſtationed. This Circumſtance, and the exceſſive Fatigue which the Troops have undergone in the late Operations, at a Seaſon of the Year, and in Situations in which they were often obliged, from Want of Cantonments, to paſs the Night without Cover, determined me, in Concert with the other Generals, to take up a Poſition behind the Leck, for which we had previouſly made the neceſſary Diſpoſitions. It extends from Cuylenberg to Wageningen, occupied by the Auſtrians.

A late March made by a conſiderable Column of the Enemy, attended by a large Train of Artillery, towards Gorcum, and their Attack upon our Right, combined with an Attempt upon Tiel, evidently indicate a regular Plan of Operations on their Part, and confirm me in the Opinion of the Neceſſity of our Movement. I hope that all the Troops will arrive this Evening at their new Stations.

Since Yeſterday the Weather has become much milder, and gives us Reaſon to hope for a complete Thaw; in which Caſe we may expect a favourable Change in our Affairs.

Head Quarters, Amerongen,
January 6, 1795.

SIR,

NOtwithſtanding the Advantage obtained on the 30th of December by His Majeſty's Troops, of which I had the Honor to inform your Royal Highneſs in my laſt Letter of the 1ſt Inſtant, as the Froſt continued encreaſing, it was judged neceſſary that Major-General David Dundas's Corps and the Heſſians ſhould fall back to a Poſition on the Lingen, leaving Out-Poſts on the Waal. This Movement was executed on the Night of the 3d.

On the Evening of the 4th the Enemy again croſſed the Waal in very conſiderable Force, and drove in our Out-Poſts on that River; but, upon their advancing Yeſterday Morning againſt General Dundas's Corps at Geldermalſen, they were repulſed with Loſs, and did not renew the Attack.

Our Picquets were, however, drawn in to this Side of the Lingen, and Major-General David Dundas, finding his Poſition near Bueren to be no longer tenable, for Want of ſufficient Covering for his Troops, (who have been now ſo long expoſed to the utmoſt Inclemency of Weather, and the moſt ſevere and conſtant Fatigue, which they have ſupported with the greateſt Fortitude) the Army has this Day received Orders to croſs the Leck, and take up a Poſition on the Right Bank of that River.

I have as yet received no exact Return of our Loſs, which is trifling. Major-General Sir Robert Lawrie and Two Officers of the 78th Regiment, are wounded, but, I am happy to add, very ſlightly.

I have the Honor to be, with the greateſt Reſpect, &c.

(Signed) WM. HARCOURT.

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant-General Harcourt to His Royal Highneſs the Duke of York, dated Doorn, Jan. 9, 1795.

SIR,

AVery conſiderable and ſudden Thaw having come on on the 6th Inſtant, which offered a Proſpect of preſerving our Poſition on the Waal,

it was judged neceſſary that the Troops, who had not yet croſſed the Leck, ſhould remain in the Cantonments they then occupied, and the Reſt ſhould again move forward. Lieutenant-General Abercromby and Major-General Hammerſtein, with the greateſt Part of their Corps, and ſome Auſtrian Battalions, were therefore to have begun their March upon Thiel and towards Bommel on the 7th, and General David Dundas's Corps received Orders in conſequence to occupy Bueren, and the Heights near it, on the 8th, to co-operate with Generals Abercromby and Hammerſtein in the propoſed Attack.

Unfortunately the Froſt ſet in again with great Severity, but as the Troops were already put in Motion, and counter-Orders might have prevented a Combination, from the Extent of the Line, General David Dundas, having aſſembled his Corps with a Zeal and Exertions which reflect the higheſt Credit on himſelf and the Troops, proceeded towards Bueren on the Morning of the 8th, having detached in Advance Two Battalions, who were afterwards to have marched upon Thiel, to co-operate in the Attack of that Place. On their Arrival at Bueren, they found all our Poſts on the Lingen driven in, and the Enemy in Force near Bueren. As ſoon as more Troops of General Dundas's Corps came up, Major-General Lord Cathcart, with the 14th, 27th, and 28th Regiments, and the Britiſh Hulans, attacked the Enemy, and drove them back, with Loſs, beyond Gelder Malſen.

Nothing can exceed the Conduct of Lord Cathcart and thoſe Regiments on this Occaſion, though I am ſorry to inform your Royal Highneſs that they ſuffered conſiderably. I have as yet received no Return of their Loſs, which I believe amounts to One Hundred and Sixty killed and wounded. It is with the greateſt Concern that I muſt add, that amongſt the latter are Lieutenant-Colonels Buller of the 27th, and Alexander Hope of the 14th, whoſe Wounds, I fear, are very dangerous.

From the very great Extent of Cantonments, the Difficulty of aſſembling a ſufficient Corps, or other Circumſtances with which I am as yet unacquainted, the Attack on the Part of Generals Abercromby and Hammerſtein did not take place Yeſterday; but as, in the Event of it's being carried into Execution, the occupying of Bueren is of the utmoſt Conſequence, General David Dundas ſtill remains there, and near it, with the greateſt Part of his Corps, as does alſo Major-General Wurmb, with Three Battalions and Four Squadrons of Heſſians, from whence, if neceſſary, they will advance to co-operate with General Abercromby.

I have the Honor to incloſe Copy of General David Dundas's Report of the Affair at Gelder Malſen, together with a Return of the Killed and Wounded on that Occaſion.

To His Royal Highneſs the Duke of York.

Copy of a Report ſent by Major-General David Dundas, dated Buren, January 6, 1795.

SIR,

I Have hitherto been unable to acquaint you, that about Two in the Afternoon of the 4th, the Enemy attacked our Poſt at Meteren, about a Mile in Front, where Half of the 33d Regiment, with a Picquet of Eighty Cavalry, and Two Curricle Guns, were poſted; their Number and Diſpoſition to ſurround the Poſt ſoon made it neceſſary to fall back on the other Part of the Regiment, which ſupported with Two Howitzers. In this Movement they were hard preſſed by a large Body of the Enemy's Huſſars, that gallopped along the Road with great Vivacity. The Troops having beforehand been in an alert Situation, the Village of Geldermanſen was ſoon covered by the 42d and 78th; the 33d took it's Place in the Line of Defence, and the other Troops were in Reſerve on the oppoſite Dyke of the Lingen, the River being completely frozen, and paſſable every where. The Enemy ſtill perſevering in their Attack, advanced on the Village both in Front and in Flank; but after a great deal of Muſquetry firing for above an Hour, were every where repulſed by the Steadineſs of the Troops, and retired upon Meteren, through woody and encloſed Ground.

Every Praiſe is due to the Infantry that was engaged, and by the particular firm and cool Behaviour of the Advanced Companies of the 78th, the Progreſs of the Enemy's Cavalry was firſt checked.

I have the Honor to encloſe a Liſt of the Killed and Wounded on this Occaſion, and remain, Sir, &c.

(Signed) DAVID DUNDAS.

Lieut.-Gen. Harcourt.

Return of the Killed, Wounded and Miſſing, of the Troops under the Command of Major-General Dundas, at Geldermalſen, the 5th of January, 1795.

Artillery. 11 Rank and File wounded; 2 Rank and File, 8 Horſes, miſſing.

11th Light Dragoons. 1 Rank and File, 1 Horſe, killed; 6 Rank and File, 1 Horſe, wounded; 1 Horſe miſſing.

33d Foot. 1 Rank and File killed; 1 Captain, 6 Rank and File, wounded; 1 Serjeant, 4 Rank and File, miſſing.

42d Foot. 1 Rank and File killed; 1 Subaltern, 7 Rank and File, wounded.

78th Foot. 1 Captain, 24 Rank and File, wounded.

Total. 3 Rank and File, 1 Horſe, killed; 1 General Officer, 2 Captains, 1 Subaltern, 54 Rank and File, 1 Horſe, wounded; 1 Serjeant, 6 Rank and File, 9 Horſes, miſſing.

Officers wounded.

Major-General Sir R. Lawrie.
33d Foot. Captain W. Elliot.
42d Foot. Lieutenant Colin Lamont.
78th Foot. Captain Duncan Munro.

N. B. All the Officers and Men in general are but ſlightly wounded.

Geo. Don, Dep. Adj. Gen.

Extract of a Letter from the Honorable Lieutenant-General Harcourt to His Royal Highneſs the Duke of York, dated Head Quarters, Doorn, January 10, 1795.

I Loſe no Time in acquainting your Royal Highneſs that the Enemy this Day, having croſſed the Waal in conſiderable Force, attacked our Line at ſeveral Points of it: One Column paſſed at Panderden, and was immediately repulſed; another paſſed near Gent, and, after maintaining itſelf for a ſhort Time, was likewiſe checked; a Third paſſed near Nimeguen, and, in Conjunction with Two or Three Columns who croſſed between Thiel and Podewaart, attacked the whole of our Line on that Side. They forced the Auſtrians to abandon Heuſden, and retreat acroſs the Leck, and obliged the Hanoverians, with General Coates's Brigade, and ſome Auſtrians, to fall back upon Lent, which, upon the Arrival, they found occupied by the Enemy, and, in conſequence, retreated acroſs the Lingen, where they maintained their Ground behind that River near Elſt; which Poſition they ſtill occupied at the Cloſe of the Day.

Lieutenant-General Abercromby, who was marching upon Echleld to diſlodge the Enemy from that Poſt, upon their making theſe Attacks upon his Left and Rear, immediately halted, and, finding both the Hanoverians and Auſtrians forced on the Flanks

and